

CINCINNATI-INDIANAPOLIS CLOWNS' PLAYER DATA

( $\frac{1}{2}$  col. newspaper  
cuts on each of  
below players):

RAUL NAVARRO, catcher-outfielder - age 25 - hght 6'2" - wght 178 - born, resides in Havana, Cuba - bats, throws right - last season with Havana Reds - professional experience in Cuban Winter League, catching partner to "Chico" Hernandez. Single.

HENRY "SPEED" MERCHANT, centre-fielder - age 27 - hght 6' - wght 170 - bats, throws left - last season with Clowns - married, 2 children - professional experience '40-'42 Chicago American Giants; '43 to date Clowns. 4-letter man at Henderson Institute. One of speediest players in Negro American League. Born Birmingham, resides Cincinnati.

ALEC RADCLIFFE, third base - age 39 - hght 5'11" - wght 215 - born Mobile, Ala. - resides Chicago, Ill. - bats, throws right - last season with Clowns - married, 3 children - professional experience '32 to '35 Chicago American Giants; '36 Cuban Stars; '37 to '43 Chicago American Giants; led Negro American League in hitting with .404 mark '40; featured in 9 out of 12 East-West All-Star Classic; never hit under .320 mark in 14 years; led league in home-run swatting last season - currently tops among N.A.L. batters.

ARMANDO VAZQUEZ, first baseman - age 22 - hght 5'8" - wght 160 - born, resides Havana, Cuba - bats, throws left - last season with Clowns - professional experience with Almendares Club in Cuban Winter League. One of the best fielding first-sackers in Negro baseball circles.

BUSTER HAYWOOD, catcher - age 35 - hght 5'8" - wght 161 - born, resides Portsmouth, Va. - bats, throws right - last season with Clowns - married, no children - professional experience: '41 Birmingham Blk Barons, Clowns; '42 NY Cubans; '43 to date Clowns. In '41 voted the most valuable player in Denver Post National Tournament. Selected for East-West and North-South All-Star classics last season.

LAZARUS MEDINA, pitcher - age 23 - hght 5'7" - wght 160 - born, resides Havana, Cuba - bats, throws right - single - last season with the Clowns - professional experience '43 Panama Republic Pro-League; '44 Clowns; Ponce P.R. Winter League under Mgr. George Soales, which team won Island championship; Championship series in Venezuela.

JOHNNY RAY, outfielder, second baseman - age 38 - hght 5'8" - wght 170 - born Nashville, Tenn. - resides Jacksonville, Fla. - bats left, throws right - last season with Clowns - married, 2 children - professional experience '31-'33 Montgomery Gray Sox; '34-'36 Claybrook Tigers; '37-'38 Birmingham Black Barons; '39-'42 Jacksonville Red Caps; '43 to date Clowns. Expert "pepper-ball" artist.

FRED WILSON, pitcher, right field - age 36 - hght 6'1" - wght 195 - born Hastings, Fla. - resides Miami, Fla. - bats left, throws right - last season with Ft. Benning Nine - married, no children - professional experience '34-'39 Ethiopian Clowns; '40 Newark Eagles of Negro National League; '42 Clowns. One of hardest hitters in Negro baseball.

ED HAMMAN, clown comedian - age 38 - hght 5'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - wght 160 - born, resides Fostoria, Ohio - bats left, throws right - last season with House of David - married, one child - professional experience, Mich. State and Middle Atlantic League. Fun and skill on the diamond.

SAM HAIRSTON, catcher - age 25 - hght 5'10" - wght 193 - born Columbus, Miss. - resides Birmingham, Ala. - bats, throws right - last season with Clowns - professional experience, '42 Industrial League with such stars as Ed Steele, Art Wilson, Piper Davis, etc.; '44 Birmingham Black Barons, traded to Clowns for Pepper Bassett. Married, 3 children. Also plays various infield positions.

JOHNNY WILLIAMS, pitcher - age 29 - hght 6'2" - wght 208 - born Shreveport, La., resides Chicago, Ill. - bats, throws right - last season with Clowns - married, no children - professional experience '35 Shreveport Sports; '37 Cleveland Buckeyes; '40 to '43 Palmer House Giants - currently ace of Clowns' mound staff.

OLIVER SMITH, pitcher - age 27, hght 6'1" - wght 202 - born Edison, Ga., resides Miami, Fla. - bats, throws right - last season Ft. Lauderdale Giants - married, three children - farmed out by Clowns to Mobile Black Shippers for more experience - shows promise of being recalled by Clowns and eventually becoming outstanding hurler in Negro baseball ranks.

JESSE "HOSS" WALKER, infielder (manager) - age 33 - hght 5'11" - wght 190 - born Austin, Tex., resides Nashville, Tenn. - bats, throws right - last season manager Clowns - married, one child - professional experience, '31 to 39 with Elite Giants; '40-'41, N. Y. Black Yankees, '42-'43 Birmingham Black Barons. This is second season as playing manager of Clowns.

AMOS WATSON, pitcher - age 19 - hght 5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - wght 170 - born, resides Lake Alfred, Fla. - bats, throws right - last season with Jimmy Hill's All Stars - won 27, lost 6, pitched 5 shutouts. Has already made a very impressive showing in Negro American League with famed Clowns.

HENRY SMITH, infielder - age 32 - hght 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - wght 161 - born Houston, Tex. - resides Jacksonville, Fla. - bats, throws right - last season with Clowns - professional experience: old Texas Negro League; '41-'42 Jacksonville Red Caps; '43 Chicago American Giants and Clowns; '44 to date with Clowns.